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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SALE OF F-5S TO SUDAN

1. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI HAS RECENTLY PRESSED VIGOROUSLY HIS REQUEST TO BUY F-5 AIRPLANES FROM US. WE ARE CONCERNED AT THE POSSIBLE REACTION OF SADAT TO SUCH A SALE AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE AND COUNSEL.

2. THE POSITIVE ASPECTS TO THE SALE THAT OCCUR TO US ARE AS FOLLOWS: WE COULD ADVISE SADAT OF THE SALE AND PERMIT HIM TO TAKE SOME CREDIT WITH NIMEIRI FOR U.S. APPROVAL OF THE SALE, AS WE DID WITH THE SALE OF THE C-130'S TO THE SUDAN. ALSO, THE SALE DOES ACCORD WITH SADAT'S VIEWS THAT WE SHOULD ASSIST MODERATE AFRICAN STATES WITH MILITARY HARDWARE WHERE APPROPRIATE.

3. THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS APPEAR AS FOLLOWS: SADAT WOULD DRAW AN INVIDIOUS COMPARISON BETWEEN OUR SALE OF F-5'S TO
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SUDAN AND NOT TO EGYPT. EVEN IF SADAT COULD RATIONALIZE THE SALE TO HIMSELF ON THE BASIS OF OUR ARGUMENTS, OTHER EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS E.G. GENERAL GAMASSY AND FAHMY, WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE CONVINCED OF LOGIC OF OUR ACTION.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ASAP.

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